(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) In India, Registered Medical Practitioners on a State Medical Register, authorized to prescribe medications or conduct surgery and registered Dentists can prefix 'Doctor' with their names. The pharmacists cannot prefix 'Doctor' with their name. Persons with Ph.D. Degree in any discipline can also prefix the title 'Doctor' in India.

Funds for upgradation of IGAS, Patna

†*410. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bihar has requested for funds of more than Rs. 40 crores for strengthening and upgrading the Indira Gandhi Ayurvigyan Sansthan, Shaikhpura, Patna;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No such proposal has been received from Government of Bihar.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in Heart and Cancer Patients

†*411. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing number of patients, particularly of heart and cancer in All India Institute of Medical Sciences and G.B. Pant Hospital in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have any scheme for providing easily accessible treatment to these patients;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.